

## Oak Group

Dear Parents our topic this term is Growing and Changing

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

### Literacy

We will be comparing different versions of fairy stories such as Snow White and the seven Dwarfs and Snow White in New York. We will learn about character traits

Encourage children to retell familiar fairy stories e.g. Cinderella, Jack and the Bean stalk. Ask them how the characters felt e.g. how did the giant feel when Jack stole his money?

### Maths

We have been focusing on money. Children will add up small amounts and work out change. During our weekly shop, children will each be given £2 and a list with 2 items they have to purchase.

Take children to the supermarket and encourage them to locate items on the shopping list. Encourage them to state how much each item costs. Which brand of cereal is cheapest?

### Science

For our science strand we will be learning about the different parts of plants and what plants need to grow well. We will be growing broad bean plants and Busy Lizzies to enrich our learning. We will be comparing adult animals and humans to their babies and investigating growth patterns to see for example if the oldest person has the longest arms or is the tallest.

To re-inforce the children's learning it would be useful to involve them in any gardening projects. Growing of seeds indoors is fun for the children or try placing carrot tops in a saucer of water and watch how the stem and leaves grow. To help the children's learning you could take measurements and make comparisons for different members of the family.

### Humanities

In our humanities sessions we will be learning about how houses have changed over time and also how Milton Keynes has changed and grown. We will be making simple street maps showing types of houses found.

The children could make simple maps of the road they live in classifying houses that are detached, semi-detached or terraced.

### Art

We will create self-portraits using a range of materials e.g. poster paints, watercolour paints, oil pastels etc.

Encourage your child to sit in front of a mirror and draw their facial features.

### ICT

We are going to learn about how to stay safe online. We will discuss what our personal information is e.g. full name, address, date of birth etc and that we should not share it with strangers. We will also discuss which adults we can trust.

Together Watch Hectors World where a group of sea creatures learn how to keep safe.

### PSHE

This term in PSHE we are looking at the Health and Safety strand. The children will be learning how to make sure they are safe both in the home and out and about.

To help the children at home parents and carers could check the children understand how to cross the road safely and any hazards there may be inside the home.

### PE

In PE this term we are taking part in various athletic activities. They will take part in challenges that call for skill in running, jumping and throwing.

At home children could be encouraged to develop their running stamina.